

VILLAGE OF COMMERCIAL POINT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

May 19, 2014

Mr. Shelton called the meeting to order. Fiscal Officer Hastings took roll call with the following members present: Ms. Evans, Mr. Shelton, Mr. Sadler and Mr. Laxton. Mayor Hammond, Engineer Grosse and Solicitor Hess were also present. Mr. Geiger and Mr. Wissinger were absent.

Mr. Sadler made a motion seconded by Mr. Laxton to approve the April 21, 2014 COW Minutes. All members were in favor. The motion passed.

Solicitor Hess informed Council that for the last few weeks he has been dealing with several public records requests from various individuals. Solicitor Hess said he received an email request from an attorney in Cincinnati asking for all emails Council may have generated in reference to the employment of former Officer Murphy. Any and all letters in correspondence to this. Solicitor Hess asked Council if they had anything in this nature, to please forward on to Ms. Hastings or himself. Solicitor Hess asked if Council had nothing of this type, to please document it and send it to Ms. Hastings. Ms. Evans asked if there was a timeframe of information that he was looking for. Solicitor Hess said anything dealing with issues within the few months regarding employment issues with Officer Murphy.

Mayor Hammond updated Council on a few items. He said a utility truck had been purchased and is now decorated with lights and logos. Mayor Hammond thanked Council for allowing the purchase of this truck. It is now in service. On Friday, May 16, 2014 Mayor Hammond volunteered his time for the Celebrity Reads day at Scioto Elementary. He had a wonderful time with the 4th graders. On Saturday, May 17, 2014, Mayor Hammond presented the Proclamation for Relay for Life. He said they were very appreciative and everything went well. He said it was brought to his attention that this Relay for Life was not getting the attention that it needed. He said the people are putting in a lot of time, effort and energy however it was not well attended. He said the people are very dedicated and passionate about the cause. He encouraged Council to get involved and bring more attention to this event. He said we were invited to come back again next year.

Engineer Grosse informed Council of the bid opening for the street projects on May 29, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. here at the Village office. He is hoping to have information for Council at the June Council Meeting. Engineer Grosse said he met with a contractor on the storm drain issues we have here in the Village. He will have a quote for Council by tomorrow morning. The one on West Scioto Street where the block inlet caved in, is definitely a hazard. He said there is a pipe that is badly rusted and deteriorated. The cost of digging it up and replacing it would be exorbitant. What he is getting a price on is putting a smaller pipe in, keeping the invert the same, and ground it in. This should take care of all of the issues for a fraction of the cost. He said there is another one in Genoa Crossing that is caving in also. He is getting a price to replace that one as well. Mr. Shelton asked if we were replacing Genoa Crossing or repairing it like the one on West Scioto St. Engineer Grosse said we are replacing it, as well as replacing the box culvert on West Scioto St. Engineer Grosse said he spoke with Ms. Hastings and the funds will be coming from the Storm Sewers and Drains account. Ms. Evans said there was someone from Genoa complaining about the roads in that development at the last meeting. Would this have been part of

their complaint? Engineer Grosse said if they were complaining about the roads, then no this wouldn't have anything to do with the status of the roads. Engineer Grosse said if there are complaints on the roads in Genoa, he was unaware. Ms. Evans said this person was complaining that nothing had been done to Genoa roads for over 10 years. Mr. Shelton questioned whether they were slurry sealed about 3 years ago. Engineer Grosse said they were as well as cracked sealed and patched during the last 10 years.

Engineer Grosse said if the bids for the street project come in lower than the estimate, he would like to do additional crack sealing this year, if funds are available. He said a little preventative maintenance is money well spent. Mr. Shelton asked Engineer Grosse if he felt there were other areas on the roads that needed to be looked at besides what is on the list to be completed this year. Engineer Grosse said he would like to see the preventative crack sealing done. He said once we get a contractor on board for the street project, he will show them some of the other areas that need to be repaired, for example West Scioto Street and Walker Road. He said these areas will need to be cut out and replaced. Rather than bringing in a bunch of contractors for all these little jobs, Engineer Grosse would rather get a price from the contractor that is coming in to do the project for this year. Mr. Shelton said we are two weeks away from school being let out. He said he has talked with a few residents and they feel some roads are being driven like they are highways. He asked Engineer Grosse what he thought of removable speed bumps to slow the traffic down. Engineer Grosse said they do make them, however he is not in favor of them. He said he can get prices for them. He doesn't suggest putting speed bumps permanently on the roads. Engineer Grosse said depending on how serious Council is about slowing down the traffic, "speed humps" are an option. They are wider and allow a snow plow to go over them. Engineer Grosse said he could get a couple different options to bring back to Council. Ms. Evans asked Engineer Grosse why he wasn't a fan of the speed bumps. He said depending on how they are put down and attached, you don't want them to come loose. Ms. Hastings said a good example of speed humps is in the Village of Orient. Engineer Grosse said Stahl Road is the highway over there and that is why they installed the speed humps. Engineer Grosse said the correct way to install speed humps would be to mill out part of the road and only have them above the road a few inches. It would still slow down the speeders and allow the plows to drive over them. Mr. Shelton said he doesn't want to cause issues for the snow plows however he feels we owe it to the kids, parents and residents of the Village to slow down drivers for everyone's safety. Village Administrator Shelton asked if the humps could be reflective painted. Engineer Grosse said yes and would suggest putting signs up as well to alert there is a bump ahead. Mr. Sadler asked about the sign that showed the speed the cars were traveling. Mr. Shelton said we had a price of \$ 3,500. Mr. Laxton said he had asked Chief Jordan about a three way stop in Chestnut Estates however nothing ever came of it. Ms. Evans asked what Mr. Laxton said about "nothing ever came of it". Mr. Laxton said he was given some line about "keeping traffic moving". He said he has also heard some conversation about the traffic at the playground on Cottonwood Place. He said he saw through Facebook that residents would like to see a three way stop there as well. Mr. Laxton feels putting in three way stops would be the most cost effective thing to do. Mr. Laxton feels with the current situation, he doesn't feel Council will get much help from the Police Chief and wants to know who else can make that decision. He said there is only one speed limit sign in Chestnut Estates. He said the one sign that is there is too close to the entrance. He would like to see more speed limit signs put up throughout Chestnut Estates. Engineer Grosse said West Scioto Green has two sets of 3 way stops. It does slow down the traffic. Engineer Grosse suggested putting up additional signs to include, "children at play" around the play area at Chestnut Estates. Ms. Evans asked if a motion was required to install

additional stop signs in the Village. Mr. Shelton said we could not vote in tonight's meeting, however Council could request that the Mayor and utility employees or a contractor come in and put some signs up. Mayor Hammond said Council agreed to have the signage in the hands of the Chief of Police. He feels that was the right thing to do. All requests should go through the Chief. The Chief is then to submit his recommendations to Mayor Hammond to discuss. Mayor Hammond said once he receives the recommendations from the Chief and they agree on everything, he and a few of the Utility employees will install the signs. Mr. Shelton asked, in the last 2-3 months that the Chief was given this assignment, how many recommendations has he made? Mayor Hammond said zero. He has received nothing formally or informally about signage. Ms. Evans asked Mr. Laxton if he documented anything via email to Chief Jordan. Mr. Laxton said no, that he had just spoke with Chief. Ms. Evans asked for a request in writing. Mayor Hammond said moving forward, he will be using email to communicate and carbon coping Council. Mayor Hammond told Council to feel free to email him with their suggestions and he will forward them. Mayor Hammond said he was tired of dealing with sign issues at every Council Meeting and felt this was the best way to handle the situation. Village Administrator Shelton said nothing has happened. Mayor Hammond said he felt the most logical place for this task was with the Police Department since they are on the roads throughout the Village on a daily basis. Mr. Shelton suggested sending thoughts, ideas and recommendations to Mayor Hammond and then he can forward them to Chief Jordan. He doesn't know that this is the best way to handle it and understands the Mayor's point of not wanting to hear about sign issues at every meeting, however there needs to be something done for the safety of the kids. Serve and protect means to protect the kids too. Village Administrator said a decision has to be made. She said to put the signs up in Chestnut Estates. This has been going on for a few years and nothing has been done yet. Summer is in two weeks and we need to protect the kids. Ms. Evans said it feels like the Chief gave a higher priority to the traffic flow on Chestnut in response to Mr. Laxton's concerns. Mr. Laxton said the Chief told him he thinks there are some type of regulations in regards to traffic flow. Mr. Laxton said this is a private community and he is sure there are regulations for highways, but this is a residential community. Mr. Laxton said no offense to Mayor Hammond, but this topic has been discussed for several months now and nothing is being done. Mayor Hammond said less than a year ago, he fixed or replaced every sign that he was aware of needing attention. He said we need a new list of what needs to be done. We have money and good weather to do the work. Mayor Hammond doesn't see the need to hire a contractor that we have to pay a lot of money to when we have the resources right here. He asked Council and Engineer Grosse to look around and give him suggestions. He said he has an issue with the first stop sign in West Scioto Green. He said everyone runs it. He feels the Chief of Police is the best resource for recommendations for signage, however this is not working. Mr. Shelton agreed that it was not working. Mr. Shelton suggested working with residents and listening to their concerns to figure out the best locations for signs. Mayor Hammond said if we get the list, he and a utility employee will get the work done. Village Administrator Shelton said to forget about the list and get the signs installed in Chestnut Estates and then come back and get the others. Mayor Hammond said he needed someone to tell him where the signs go. Mr. Laxton said he would help. Mayor Hammond asked for the locations to be put in writing so that he can call and get everything marked. Village Administrator Shelton said she doesn't want to get hung up on making the list that the work doesn't get done. Mr. Laxton offered his help. Mr. Sadler confirmed that the chain of command was to email Mayor Hammond and then he would forward everything on to Chief Jordan. Mr. Sadler asked if a motion is needed to place a stop sign or children at play sign. Solicitor Hess said no motion was needed. If Council would feel that the Mayor wasn't

following the recommendations of the Council, then yes they would want to put it in writing to force the issue. Mr. Shelton said to email Mayor Hammond, Chief of Police, Village Administrator Shelton and Engineer Grosse with suggestions.

At this time, Mayor Hammond informed Council that a purchase order has been issued for the no parking signs in front of the bank along St. Rt. 762. Work to be completed in the next week or so.

Mayor Hammond said with a little bit of direction, he will call OPUS and get the locations marked and get the stop signs installed at Chestnut Estates. Council would like to see extra "children at play" signs installed as well.

Mr. Laxton asked Engineer Grosse if the roads in Genoa are ok. Engineer Grosse said any road in the Village could have something done. As far as anything critical in Genoa Crossing that needed to be done immediately, no. Engineer Grosse does suggest putting money aside for crack sealing every year.

Mr. Shelton asked if any of the committees were doing anything. Ms. Evans said Mr. Wissinger had sent out an email wanting the Finance Committee to get together to look things over, however no date had been set. Zoning will be scheduling a meeting in the near future. Roads committee is set. Ms. Evans suggested getting back together in the fall to have a plan ready for budget for next year.

Ms. Evans made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laxton to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor. The meeting adjourned.

Randy Shelton, President of Council

Wendy Hastings, Fiscal Officer